State of California Office of Administrative Law

In re:

State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY ACTION

Regulatory Action:

Government Code Section 11353

Title 23, California Code of Regulations

Adopt sections:

2918

Amend sections: Repeal sections:

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This rulemaking adopts the: Policy for Compliance Schedules in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permits. It authorizes regional water boards to include a compliance schedule in a permit for an existing discharger to implement a new, revised, or newly interpreted water quality objective that results in a permit limitation more stringent than the limitation previously imposed if the discharger meets specified requirements and has demonstrated the need for more time to take actions necessary to complying, such as constructing new facilities, expanding programs, and/or securing financing. The policy grandfathers in existing permits with compliance schedules in the regions that have allowances for these in their basin plans but requires compliance by the nine regional water boards with the terms of the new policy for any new permits needing compliance schedules. The policy does not apply to compliance schedules that are part of regional TMDL implementation plans or to the state board's policy on Toxics Standards.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11353 of the Government Code.

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